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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
 Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
 Table of Allotments,)
 FM Broadcast Stations.)
 (Ironton and Salem, Missouri))

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**COMMENTS & STATEMENT OF CONTINUING INTEREST
OF ULTRA-SONIC BROADCAST STATIONS, INC.**

Comes now **Ultra Sonic Broadcast Stations, Inc.** ("Ultra Sonic"), by counsel, and pursuant to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (DA 99-456, released March 5, 1999) ("NPRM"), hereby respectfully submits these Comments & Statement of Continuing Interest regarding Ultra Sonic's proposal in the above-captioned Rule Making proceeding. In support hereof, Ultra Sonic submits the following:

Preliminary Statement

1. On July 22, 1998, Ultra Sonic, the licensee of FM Broadcast Station KKID, Salem, Missouri, together with Dockins Communications, Inc. (licensee of FM Broadcast Station KYLS(FM), Ironton, Missouri), jointly submitted a "Petition for Rule Making" seeking to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the FM Table of Allotments, as follows: (1) to substitute FM Channel 240C3 for Channel 224A at Ironton, Missouri; (2) to substitute Channel 225C3 for Channel 240A at Salem, Missouri; (3) to modify the license of KYLS(FM) to specify operation on Channel 240C3 in lieu of Channel 224A at Ironton; and (4) to modify the license of KKID(FM) to specify

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operation on Channel 225C3 in lieu of Channel 240A at Salem. Ultra Sonic's proposal constitutes an incompatible channel swap, and as there are no other channels that would permit either upgrade, the proposal constitutes a mutually-exclusive relationship as per Section 1.420(g)(3) of the Commission's rules. Consideration of competing proposals is thereby precluded.

Public Interest Showing

2. The public interest would be well served by the NPRM proposal. The coverage area of KKID will increase from 974.8 square miles to 4,755.4 square miles, and the population within the station's 60 dBu contour will increase from 11,410 persons to 49,796 persons. Because of the contemporaneous upgrade of both KKID and KYLS, this is an efficient proposal, more so than any alternative configuration that, but for the mutual exclusivity relationship between the two stations, might otherwise be proposed.

Statement of Continuing Interest

3. Pursuant to Paragraph 7 of the *NPRM and Paragraph 2 of the Appendix thereto*, Ultra Sonic hereby states that, upon the Commission's adoption of the NPRM proposal and the allotment of Channel 225C3 instead of Channel 240A at Salem, Missouri, and upon a Commission order for the modification of the license of KKID to specify operation on Channel 225C3, Ultra Sonic will promptly submit an appropriate application for modification of the Construction Permit and License of KKID specifying Channel 225C3, and when granted, effectuate the channel change promptly and commence operation on Channel 225C3 at Salem, Missouri.

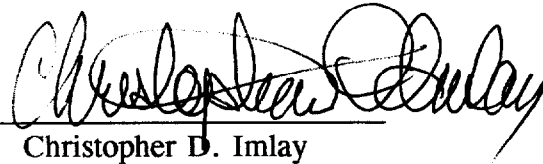
Conclusion

WHEREFORE, the above premises considered, Ultra Sonic respectfully urges the

Commission to AMEND §73.202(b) of the Rules, Table of Assignments, (1) to substitute FM Channel 240C3 for Channel 224A at Ironton, Missouri; and (2) to substitute Channel 225C3 for Channel 240A at Salem, Missouri. It is also requested that the Commission order (3) the modification of the license of KYLS(FM) to specify operation on Channel 240C3 in lieu of Channel 224A at Ironton; and (4) the modification of the license of KKID(FM) to specify operation on Channel 225C3 in lieu of Channel 240A at Salem, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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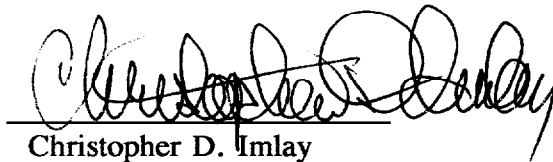
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